



PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: DERM1100-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: L.Spector
Filed: August 17, 1999
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page);
2. Preliminary Amendment, including Exhibit "A" through Exhibit "D" (86 pages);
3. Two Month Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages);
4. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
5. Form PTO 1449 (1 page);
6. Three references;
7. Check No. 558024 in the amount of \$595.00; and
8. Return receipt postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on April 23, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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| Total Claims | 79 | 81 | | x \$09 | x \$18 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 9 | 0 | x \$43 | X \$86 | \$0.00 |
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Check No. 58024 in the total amount of \$595.00 is enclosed for the RCE filing fee (\$385.00 and the two month extension of time fee (\$210.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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